

## **Lt. Governor John Garamendi Announces Appointments to Economic Development Commission's Goods Movement and International Trade Advisory Committee**

**Oakland, CA** – The California Commission for Economic Development (CED), chaired by Lt. Governor John Garamendi, today approved the appointment of 9 Californians to serve on the Commission's Goods Movement and International Trade Advisory Committee. As Chair of the CED, Lt. Governor Garamendi has worked to revitalize this once-defunct commission, and has spearheaded the appointment of Advisory Committees representing vital sectors of California's economy.

"The health of our economy and quality of life depend upon the safe, efficient delivery of goods to and from our ports and borders," said Garamendi. "At the same time, given the stark reality of climate change, we must reduce the environmental impacts that arise from goods movement activities. I look forward to working with our partners in Goods Movement to build an increasingly sustainable climate in this vital sector allowing California to maintain its position of leadership in the global marketplace."

The bipartisan CED, consisting of government, community, labor, business, and education leaders, provides policy advice and recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and private sector to improve the economic well being and quality of life for all Californians through local and statewide economic development. The Goods Movement and International Trade Advisory Committee will provide expertise regarding goods movement in the state, identify key challenges to the industry's growth and offer recommendations for solutions. Omar Benjamin, Executive Director for the Port of Oakland and CED Commissioner, will chair the Goods Movement and International Trade Advisory Committee. The members are:

- John Bowe, President, American President Lines
- Scott Moore, Vice President of Public Affairs, Union Pacific Railroad
- Alan McCorkle, Senior VP, APM Terminals
- Paul Lam, Chair, Asia Capital Group
- Dr. Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles
- William Fong, Executive Vice President, East West Bank
- ILWU, Representative TBD
- Teamsters Union, Representative TBD
- Air Cargo/Airport Industry, Representative TBD

Upon taking office in 2007, Garamendi worked with Governor Schwarzenegger to revitalize the commission which will generate and recommend policies that enhance our economy, and to create opportunities for future growth, research, development and new markets.

In addition to his responsibility to foster economic growth through the CED, the Lieutenant Governor serves as a member of the governing boards of the University of California and California State University. Upon taking office, Garamendi pledged to use his role in these institutions to aggressively promote the creation of new, high wage jobs and build a sustainable

economy for California's future.